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Please file in incoming C/015/0018 task # 2944, thanks, Joe

>>> Matthew Seddon 4/18/2008 12:46 PM >>>
Joe,

We concur with your determination.

Utah Code 9-8-404(1)(a) denotes that your agency is responsible for all final decisions regarding cultural resources for this undertaking. Our comments here are provided as specified in U.C.A. 9-8-404(3)(a)(i). If you have questions, please contact me at (801) 533-3555 or mseddon@utah.gov.

Best regards,

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>>> Joe Helfrich 4/10/2008 4:25 PM >>>
Hi Matt,

The first paragraph of this text addresses the two drill sites previously approved and is background information as the lead in for these next four. The second paragraph addresses the Cultural Resource Assessment for the four additional drill sites that are located within 1/2 mile of the other 2 sites in Crandall Canyon on the Manti La-Sal National Forest in Section 12, Township 16 South, Range 6 East.

Page 8 of the application references a Class I literature search and a Class III ground survey of the proposed exploration sites. A Class I literature search and a Class III ground survey of the proposed exploration sites have been completed by Earth Touch Inc. and submitted to the Division as part of the application. The ground survey indicated that there were no cultural resources identified and therefore none listed as eligible in the area proposed for the drilling activities. SHPO concurrence for the exploration project was received by the Division by "E" mail correspondence on March 4, 2008.

The application for the 4 additional drill holes includes a Cultural Resource Assessment performed by Scott Billat from Earth Touch, Inc...att. Included in the assessment is a literature search for the four additional drill sites and a reference to the Forest Service as not requiring a class III pedestrian survey in light of the low site potential, low impacts and steep topography. Personal conversation with Dale Harber, (Geologist for the Manti La-Sal National Forest), indicated that Charmane Thompson, (Archaeologist for the Manti La-Sal National Forest), concurred with Mr. Billat's assumptions in his assessment. The assessment also includes a commitment to conduct a class III survey prior to the commencement of the drilling activities.

The Division supports Mr. Billat's Cultural Resource Assessment for the area proposed to include the four drill site locations. We therefore respectfully request SHPO concurrence with our determination.